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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Hartmut Kalberer, et al.  
Serial No. : 08/324,264  
Filed : October 17, 1996  
For : TAPERED HIP-JOINT SOCKET  
Group Art Unit : 3308  
Examiner : D. Isabella

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Response Under Rule 116

S I R:

Please grant the enclosed Petition for a two (2) month extension of time accompanied by the appropriate fee.

This is in response to the Official Action (Paper No. 9) of November 27, 1995.

Please enter the following Remarks into the record.

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the many courtesies extended to Applicants undersigned attorney during the telephone interview of February 29th, 1996. While no agreement could be